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## **BOARD APPROVES REGULATIONS RELATED TO STANDARDS, GRADUATION**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – At its regular meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, the Kentucky Board of Education took action and heard presentations on a number of items.

The board gave final approval to revisions to 704 KAR 3:303, the state regulation that outlines the requirements for the *Program of Studies for Grades Primary-12*. The regulation has been modified to change the name of the document to *Kentucky's Core Academic Standards*. The board's action also replaces the mathematics and reading/language arts standards in the current *Program of Studies* with new Common Core Standards being developed in collaboration with other states in order to implement the changes required by 2009's Senate Bill 1 (KRS 158.6453).

At 5:30 this evening, the board, along with the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Education Professional Standards Board, will meet in a special joint session to sign a resolution directing the staffs of their respective agencies to implement the final Common Core Standards,

The board also gave final approval to 704 KAR 3:305, the state regulation governing minimum requirements for high school graduation. The regulation has been revised to make it consistent with the changes recommended for 704 KAR 3:303 (Required program of studies), provide guidance and clarity on mathematics requirements and require a transitional course for any student not meeting benchmarks set by the Council on Postsecondary Education in mathematics and English/language arts.

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The board approved revisions to 703 KAR 5:060, the state regulation governing the interim school assessment process. These revisions are designed to make the regulation consistent with the mandates of House Bill 176 (passed in the 2010 session of the General Assembly) and state regulation 703 KAR 5:180 (Interim assessment process).

The board took the following actions:

- approved the appointment of Jefferson County parent Jayne Seif to the Kentucky School for the Blind Advisory Board
- approved district facility plans for Owsley County, Anchorage Independent and Burgin Independent
- approved 2009-10 local district tax rates levied
- approved 2009-10 local district working budgets
- gave final approval to state regulation 702 KAR 3:030, which governs property insurance requirements for school districts
- granted all school districts a waiver of the March 1, 2010, deadline for allocations to school-based decision making councils

The board heard presentations on a variety of items:

- the state's biennial budget
- uniform academic course codes
- the school council allocation formula

The Kentucky Board of Education's next regular meeting is set for April 13 and 14 in Frankfort.

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